

AMENDMENTS

In the Specification

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Cross Reference to Related Applications

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This application is a national stage entry of International Application PCT/US99/02897, filed February 11, 1999, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/074,463, filed February 12, 1998.

In the Claims

✓ Please cancel claims 2-8, 9-13, and 15-23. Please add new claims 44-66 as follows.

44. (New) A microfastening system comprising:

a first fastening element including a plurality of extending nanotubes; and

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a second fastening element including a plurality of extending nanotubes, at least some of which comprise nanotubes selected from the group consisting of

a) hooks, and

b) spirals,

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whereby upon joining said first and second fastening elements, the extending nanotubes from each element become mechanically interconnected.

45. (New) The microfastening system of Claim 44 wherein said at least one of first and second fastening elements further comprise a substrate from which said nanotubes extend.